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For the House Education Committee

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1. Page 5, line 14.

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 8. Coordination instruction. (1) If Senate Bill No. 152 and [this act] are both passed and approved, then [section 3 of this act] must read as follows:

"NEW SECTION. Section 3. Eligibility for participation -- failure to comply with commitment. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6), participation in the Montana quality educator housing incentive loan program is available to any quality educator in high-priority school districts.

(2) A loan application must be developed by the office of public instruction in consultation with the department.

(3) The office of public instruction shall forward to the department the application of each applicant who meets the eligibility requirements.

(4) A quality educator who receives a loan under the housing loan program is required to purchase a house and reside in a county in which the school district for which the quality educator is providing service, or any portion of the school district, is located.

(5) A quality educator who does not provide 5 years of service after receiving a loan is liable to the department for one-fifth of the amount of the loan for each year that the quality educator does not teach, plus interest accruing at the current Stafford loan rate at the time that the quality educator discontinues service. If a claim for repayment under this subsection is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor is liable for an additional amount equal to reasonable attorney fees.

(6) A quality educator may participate in the quality educator housing incentive loan program provided for in [sections 1 through 5] or in the quality educator loan forgiveness program provided for in [sections 1 through 6 of Senate Bill No. 152], but may not participate in both."

Renumber: subsequent section

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